and Air India has decided to follow suit to retain its passenger payload; and

(b) if so, what are the details of this plan and the impact of this degradation of quality and customer satisfaction on the airlines business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Some premium airlines have started low cost no-frill airlines as subsidiaries in the wake of the success of some new low cost airlines. Air India has not yet taken any decision to set up a low cost airlines as its subsidiary.

Apex Fares of AI and IA

2857. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines and Air Indian have introduced APEX fares for various sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof togetherwith fares on each sector ;

(c) whether other private airlines have also announced similar scheme and their fares are less as compared to fares of Indian Airlines/Air India; and

(d) if so, the details of concessional fares and schemes announced by private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Apex fares, an Advance Purchase Scheme was introduced by Indian Airlines on limited domestic sectors for travel commencing on or after 1st August, 2002 with validity upto 31st october, 2002. The scheme has been extended upto 31st March, 2004. Under the modified scheme effective 7th June, 2003, there are two levels of fare i.e. D-7 (booking made 7 days before the date of departure) and D-21 (booking made 21 days before the date of departure). The details of the sectors and fares are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below) Air India has not introduced any APEX fares.

(c) and (d) Information relating to APEX fare schemes introduced by private airlines are not maintained by Government.

Statement

Details of Sectors and Fares of Indian Airlines and Air India

APEX FARES-D-7

Sl. No.	Sector	Fare	Insurance Charge	Inland Air Travel Tax	Passenger Service Fee	Total amount to be collected
		(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
1.	Mumbai-Kolkata	5128	250	807	200	6385
2.	Mumbai-Ahmedabad	2111	250	354	200	2915
3.	Mumbai-Bangalore	2946	250	479	200	3875
4.	Mumbai-Bhopal	2511	250	414	200	3375
5.	Mumbai-Calicut	3398	250	547	200	4395
6.	Mumbai-Chennai	3185	250	515	200	4150
7.	Mumbai-Cochin	3724	250	596	200	4770
8.	Mumbai-Coimbatore	3798	250	607	200	4855
9.	Mumbai-Delhi	4202	250	668	200	5320
10.	Mumbai-Hyderabad	2637	250	433	200	3520
11.	Mumbai-Indore	1980	250	335	200	2765
12.	Mumbai-Jaipur	3285	250	530	200	4265
13.	Mumbai-Jodhpur	3011	250	489	200	3950
14.	Mumbai-Mangalore	2676	250	439	200	3565
15.	Mumbai-Nagpur	2772	250	453	200	3675
16.	Mumbai-Trivandrum	3946	250	629	200	5025
17.	Mumbai-Udaipur	2489	250	411	200	3350
18.	Mumbai-Aurangabad	2046	250	344	200	2840
19.	Delhi-Ahmedabad	2754	250	451	200	3655
20.	Delhi-Bangalore	7002	250	1088	200	8540
21.	Delhi-Bhopal	2624	250	431	200	3505
22.	Delhi-Chennai	6002	250	938	200	7390
23.	Delhi-Cochin	8154	250	1261	200	9865
24.	Delhi-Coimbatore	7872	250	1218	200	9540
25.	Delhi-Guwahati	7000	250	Exempted	200	7450
26.	Delhi-Hyderabad	4311	250	684	200	5445
27.	Delhi-Indore	2302	250	383	200	3135
28.	Delhi-Jammu	2624	250	431	200	3505
29.	Delhi-Kolkata	5502	250	863	200	6815
30.	Delhi-Lucknow	2154	250	361	200	2965
31.	Delhi-Patna	4302	250	683	200	5435
32.	Delhi-Pune	4502	250	713	200	5665
33.	Delhi-Trivandrum	8189	250	1266	200	9905
34.	Delhi-Vadodara	3050	250	495	200	3995
35.	Delhi-Varanasi	3002	250	488	200	3940

Sl. No.	Sector	Fare	Insurance Charge	Inland Air Travel Tax	Passenger Service Fee	Total amount to be collected
		(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
36.	Delhi-Bagdogra	4985	250	785	200	6220
37.	Kolkata-Bagdogra	2754	250	451	200	3655
38.	Kolkata-Bangalore	7002	250	1088	200	8540
39.	Kolkata-Guwahati	2500	250	Exempted	200	2950
40.	Kolkata-Hyderabad	5002	250	788	200	6240
41.	Chennai-Calicut	2524	250	416	200	3390
42.	Chennai-Cochin	2567	250	423	200	3440
43.	Chennai-Coimbatore	2063	250	347	200	2860
44.	Chennai-Hyderabad	2646	250	434	200	3530
45.	Chennai-Kolkata	4146	250	659	200	5255
46.	Chennai-Madurai	2128	250	357	200	2935
47.	Chennai-Trivandrum	2698	250	442	200	3590
48.	Hyderabad-Ahmedabad	3624	250	581	200	4655
49.	Bangalore-Ahmedabad	5741	250	899	200	7090
50.	Mumbai-Vadodara	1698	250	292	200*	2440
51.	Mumbai-Rajkot	1911	250	324	200	2685
52.	Mumbai-Bhuj	2567	250	423	200	3440
53.	Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam	2480	250	410	200	3340
54.	Delhi-Chandigarh*	1563	250	272	200	2285
55.	Bangalore-Coimbatore	1259	250	226	200	1935

*APEX fare discontinued *w.e.f.* 1st Aug., 2003.

APEX FARES-D-21

Sl. No.	Sector	Fare	Insurance Charge	Inland Air Travel Tax	Passenger Service Fee	Total amount to be collected
		(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
1.	Mumbai-Kolkata	2802	250	458	200	3710
2.	Mumbai-Ahmedabad	1237	250	223	200	1910
3.	Mumbai-Bangalore	1802	250	308	200	2560
4.	Mumbai-Bhopal	1346	250	239	200	2035
5.	Mumbai-Calicut	1933	250	327	200	2710
6.	Mumbai-Chennai	1772	250	303	200	2525
7.	Mumbai-Cochin	1959	250	331	200	2740
8.	Mumbai-Coimbatore	2198	250	367	200	3015
9.	Mumbai-Delhi	2502	250	413	200	3365

Sl. No.	Sector	Fare	Insurance Charge	Inland Air Travel Tax	Passenger Service Fee	Total amount to be collected
		(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
10.	Mumbai-Hyderabad	1472	250	258	200	2180
11.	Mumbai-Indore	1133	250	207	200	1790
12.	Mumbai-Jaipur	1824	250	311	200	2585
13.	Mumbai-Jodhpur	1602	250	278	200	2330
14.	Mumbai-Mangalore	1463	250	257	200	2170
15.	Mumbai-Nagpur	1585	250	275	200	2310
16.	Mumbai-Trivandrum	2102	250	353	200	2905
17.	Mumbai-Udaipur	1346	250	239	200	2035
18.	Mumbai-Aurangabad	1202	250	218	200	1870
19.	Delhi-Ahmedabad	1702	250	293	200	2445
20.	Delhi-Bangalore	3802	250	608	200	4860
21.	Delhi-Bhopal	1541	250	269	200	2260
22.	Delhi-Chennai	2802	250	458	200	3710
23.	Delhi-Cochin	5502	250	863	200	6815
24.	Delhi-Coimbatore	5502	250	863	200	6815
25.	Delhi-Guwahati	3950	250	Exempted	200	4400
26.	Delhi-Hyderabad	3202	250	518	200	4170
27.	Delhi-Indore	1902	250	323	200	2675
28.	Delhi-Jammu	1489	250	261	200	2200
29.	Delhi-Kolkata	2402	250	398	200	3250
30.	Delhi-Lucknow	1646	250	284	200	2380
31.	Delhi-Patna	3189	250	516	200	4155
32.	Delhi-Pune	2102	250	353	200	2905
33.	Delhi-Trivandrum	5502	250	863	200	6815
34.	Delhi-Udaipur	2341	250	389	200	3180
35.	Delhi-Vadodara	2002	250	338	200	2790
36.	Delhi-Varanasi	1467	250	258	200	2175
37.	Delhi-Bagdogra	2946	250	479	200	3875
38.	Kolkata-Bagdogra	1854	250	316	200	2620
39.	Kolkata-Bangalore	3002	250	488	200	3940
40.	Kolkata-Guwahati	1720	250	Exempted	200	2170
41.	Kolkata-Hyderabad	2002	250	338	200	2790
42.	Chennai-Calicut	1641	250	284	200	2375
43.	Chennai-Cochin	1476	250	259	200	2185
44.	Chennai-Coimbatore	1185	250	215	200	1850
45.	Chennai-Hyderabad	1785	250	305	200	2540
46.	Chennai-Kolkata	2202	250	368	200	3020
47.	Chennai-Madurai	1289	250	231	200	1970
48.	Chennai-Trivandrum	1750	250	300	200	2500
49.	Hyderabad-Ahmedabad	2015	250	340	200	2805

Sl. No.	Sector	Fare	Insurance Charge	Inland Air Travel Tax	Passenger Service Fee	Total amount to be collected
		(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
50.	Bangalore-Ahmedabad	3646	250	584	200	4680
51.	Mumbai-Vadodara	1002	250	188	200	1640
52.	Mumbai-Rajkot	1128	250	207	200	1785
53.	Mumbai-Bhuj	1524	250	266	200	2240
54.	Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam	1467	250	258	200	2175
55.	Delhi-Chandigarh	928	250	177	200	1555
56.	Bangalore-Coimbatore	746	250	149	200	1345

Expansion of Air services from Gwalior

†2858. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that flights to other places in the country are not being started from Gwalior Airport, Madhya Pradesh despite all facilities and development of runway there;

(b) if so, what are the impediments due to which air services are not being started; and

(c) by when the arrangements for starting air services from Gwalior are being planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines has not plans to air link Gwalior due to non availability of smaller aircraft in its fleet and inadequate passenger demand.

Revival of Aerodrome at Cooch Behar, West Bengal

2859. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that an aerodrome exists in Cooch Behar, West Bengal which witnessed regular air-service in the past;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.